GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry is facing difficulties in the acquisition of land for setting up of telephone exchanges in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to tackle such situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. In many cases.

(b) The cases for acquisition of land for setting up of Telephone Exchanges are taken up by the Telecom. circles at a high level with the State Governments. Regular meetings are held at appropriate level to arrange land for the Department at reasonable rates and suitable location on priority basis.